GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2801
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2015
Upgradation of Passenger Amenities
Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations from Members of Parliament and rail users for development of Railways network, upgradation of passenger amenities and attachment of rail coaches in various trains particularly in Howrah-Danapur Express at Giridih Railway station of Asansol division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to expand passengers" amenities in Jharkhand and Bihar during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2801 BY SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2015 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF PASSENGER AMENITIES

(a): Requests for new lines, passenger amenities and attachment of additional coaches to trains both formal as well as informal are received by Railways at various levels i.e. Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters etc. As receipt of such complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained.

(b): 12351/12352 Howrah-Danapur Express is running with maximum permissible load of 24 coaches. Attachment of additional coach in this train is operationally not feasible at present. However, at present, two slip coaches for Giridih are running by 13131/13132 Kolkata-Anand Vihar Terminal Express and its occupancy is not satisfactory.

(c): Upgradation of amenities for all stations is a continuous and ongoing process. The same is undertaken based on the volume of passenger traffic, relative importance of the work/amenities and availability of funds. Presently, upgradation/development of stations is undertaken under 'Adarsh Station Scheme'. At present out of 1195 stations, 58 stations in Bihar and 30 stations in Jharkhand have been identified for development under Adarsh station scheme. During last 3 years, 11 stations in Bihar and 9 stations in Jharkhand have been identified for development under Adarsh station scheme.

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